

P.S. Many thanks you
for dancing in the barn.

I be in New apaw from you

O little Ellen Mary

And long for to see you in New

I be with you for any

O Ellen naughtly little love

I long for you in New,

For little one, too little care

I see apaw from you

Very clever of you to

find it out.

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Chauch

18th July 93

My dear Pippa

I have just had

another move. Scott has gone
to Asansol and I have taken
over his division, my old one, up
to mile 16. I have also got to
run the Chauch branch and exten-
sion as before as well as oc-
casional small jobs on the bridge
so I have got plenty too much
work to do as Robertson says.
There will be more later on as

at present there is not very much to be done on the main line. The rails are laid up to the 10th mile where the first station is. Beyond that up to the 16th mile all the earth work is finished and ballast spread ready ~~to~~ to lay in the rails as soon as the bridge is open and we can get material over the river again. This will be I think on about the 1st of September. So really on the main line at present there is nothing much except the station building to finish and odds & ends of repairs &c. I shall stay on at Chanch as someone has got to be on the spot and having weakly parted

with my inspector for 4 days when I first came here of course I haven't got him back yet. This is extremely sloppy - I will pass away from the subject by remarking that the Inspection came off last week with no incidents. We have been greatly exercised here lately by the appearance of a large gang of Persian robbers or gipsies. They are encamped on the maidan opposite Mitchell's house and their horses roam about ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ his garden and eat all his best vegetables. Their last resting place was Raneegunge where they had a great faction fight with another gang and filled up the hospital

Things have been going on very quietly - the only diversion there has been in the neighbourhood for months was a concert in Asansol last night which I attended. Of course there was the necessary dance to follow which was kept up with great energy till 4 o'clock. I assure you this is a great feat at this time of year especially if you have to catch the 5 o'clock train to meet your burra sahib who telegraphs that he would like to trolley out to Kalibathan with you tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock if quite convenient. Drysdale is always so polite. Adieu y^r. vernicularly
Ralph.

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